



ARENA REPORT



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HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY TO "AR"!!! Did you ever think you could go senile at age 29? Last issue marked the exact date three years ago that I started Arena Report. And I totally overlooked it. Not much fanfare eh? Looking back at that first issue, I don't know why anyone would have bought it. It consisted of five pages with a live report, a quarter page of "Ramblings" and one result. I guess we've come a long way. Thanks to all of you for making this newsletter much more than I expected it to be. So here we go with year number 4. In this first issue of volume IV we have a live report from the IWF in Orlando which was held 9/11. Scott Hudson looks at the recent WCW tapings at Center Stage which took place on 9/16 and the recent GWF tapings as well. Mike Terry has some most interesting comments as usual in "It's My 2-Cents". Hopefully Evan Ginzburg made it back safe from wherever he was going on vacation where he can give us a piece of his mind. Mike Lano graces us with a copy of "Canvas Cavity" which looks at the recent WCW show in the Bay Area as well as other assorted tidbits. And K.C. O'Connor is here with his as of now (He didn't tell me what he was calling it.) unnamed column taking a different look at the recent Greensboro card. Call me WCW. I teased an angle (actually a column) for this issue which won't be appearing. There was to be a guest column from an unknown source covering an event that was happening 9/14 but it fell through so no dice. So sorry.

Next issue will be cover dated 10/7 and will include a live report from Lakeland and WCW skedded for 10/5. Also the IWF tapes its next set of shows that afternoon so we'll have a recap on those as well. The new CWF has a card in Tampa on 9/26 that Bruce Ginevan, (who will be in town) Chris Qualmann, Lucky Luciano, and myself will be heading to with a sidetrip afterwards planned. Scott Hudson, Klon, and Marianne Ryan all return with their respective columns as well. The annual "AR" survey will be in the next issue. If you fill it out and return it, you will receive a free issue of "AR" added onto your sub. I've started thinking about the annual this year. It will be bound and about 25-30 pages, maybe more. I've started my list of columnists I will invite to write for this project and I will be contacting them shortly. Will have more info as the time approaches.

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INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION
Wednesday, September 11, 1991
Central Florida Fairgrounds
Orlando, FL

Opening Match

Caribbean Kid beat Nuclear Assassin #1 with a tremendous dropkick from the top rope at 10:20. Kid Berto used a good spinning savate kick to set up the win. A fan yelled at Nuke Ass, "Who do you think you are Dusty Rhodes?" Nuke said, "Dusty Rhodes couldn't hold my jock." Hey Nuke, I don't know who would. *

2nd Match

Hollywood Rick Diamond pinned Mike DiBacco in 9:36. Good comedy as Rick threw his sunglasses into the crowd and said, "A treat for the girls." Mike was hilarious making fun of Rick. But when it came down to the match, they just didn't have it. Diamond won with his loaded glove and it was "Check out time". 3/4*

3rd Match

Rockin' Randy Rhodes beat The Possessor via DQ in 11:22. Excellant bout. Lots of action in the ring and out. Manager Nasty Ronnie took a swipe at me with his riding crop while I was sitting at the table and said, "You're nothing but a sheet writer." Gee, thanks. While outside the ring, Ned (Possessor) hit Randy over the head with the tape case. While Ronnie

and Stomper distracted the ref, Ned hung Randy over the ropes with his chain until Lou Perez made the save. Him and Stomper had a face off to pump up the crowd for their upcoming TV title match. (Lou is new champ. See "Ramblings") ***¹/₄

Tag Team Match

Thunder & Lightning beat The Bad Boys in 24:55. First hot tag came at 14:00 and they should have went home. Would have been better than a three star match but the longer it went the worse it got. T & L just can't go that long. From Thunder, "Keep your eyes on the match ref, he's pulling his leg." Is that illegal? Billy Brooks was calling spots but Thunder wasn't getting the message. Brett Blair hit Thunder with a good forearm while Thunder was on the apron and it looked like his nose just ballooned out. Thunder pinned Brooks after a top rope bodyblock. ***¹/₄

IWF TV Championship

Lou Perez over The Stomper in 14:42. Randy Rhodes came out halfway through the bout to watch Possessor and Ronnie. Randy threw an incredible drop-kick on the concrete to nail Ned. While the ref was distracted, Ronnie went to hit Lou with the chain but Perez ducked and Stomper got clocked and pinned. Great brawling by Ned and Randy again. They stole the show. **

IWF Tag Team Championship

Heartbreakers and Long Riders went to a double count out at 16:16. Very good match. These two teams will have better bouts than Breakers and Thunder & Lightning. Riders looked tremendous. Breakers I don't even have to say it. As always, they worked their butts off. Well paced bout ending with all five brawling, (Manager Cain as well.) ***¹/₄

#RAMBLINGS#

I'd like to start out by extending our sympathies to the Von Erich family. As most of you are aware by now, Chris Von Erich was found on 9/12 with an apparent self inflicted gun shot wound. He died at the hospital. Chris was 21 years old and the fourth son of Jack & Doris Adkisson (real name of Von Erich) who has died. I don't know any other family in every aspect of my life that has had the misfortune of this one. Let's hope and pray that Kerry and Kevin can clean up their act so misfortune doesn't happen again....Lots of notes in my notepad this time around so let's get to them in no specific order. 9/21 in Raleigh, NC for WCW saw Lex Luger beat Barry Windham with help from Harley Race as well as a good bout between Brian Pillman and Richard Morton which saw Morton juice the hardway from his chest after a Pillman chop. Full results next time out. Crowd was 1,400....WCW was to start on WCBS in New York this weekend but WPIX ran the show again even though last week was to be their final showing. Funny thing was, on the show Jim Ross was saying how ~~great~~ it was to be on CBS. But that's WCW for you....The top four matches on the WWF's European tour which is slated for the first week of October is Undertaker-Piper, Flair-Santana (some think Flair will be doing jobs for Tito since his name doesn't mean that much over there), Davey Boy-Earthquake, and Nastys vs. Legion of Doom....Speaking of the Roadies: How come no one has made a big deal out of them doing jobs recently. Animal lost via pinfall to Undertaker and Hawk dropped a bout to Earthquake. Use to be unheard of for these guys to look up at the ceiling for the count of three....The bill that the Florida legislature is trying to pass wouldn't hurt the small groups as much as I thought. The tax on the gates would be less for crowds under 1,000 fans. The reason the bill is trying to get through is to test for steroids and other illegal drugs. It is not believed the bill will pass anyways.... Joel Goodhart's Tri-State show in Philly took place on 9/21. Didn't get a crowd figure but here are the key results: Abdullah the Butcher beat The Sheik in a cage match and after the bout, a bunch of wrestlers from the card ran in the cage and brawled..Owen Hart pinned Iizuka in 21:00 of what was told to me as being a ***3/4 match and that was with the middle rope broken so their high spots were probably few since they need the ropes to work.. The Blackhearts won the Tri-State tag belts from D.C. Drake & Johnny Hotbody..Kevin Sullivan and Terry Funk went to a bloody (what did you expect) double DQ..Eddie Gilbert & Madusa Micelli beat Cactus Jack & Luna in a loser of the pinfall gets their hair shaved. Luna lost but when Madusa tried to shave her, the Blackhearts attacked Micelli and Cactus and Gilbert both made the save. Before this match, Gilbert took the mic and told Cactus that he sold out going to the NWA and told Cactus to give a message to Jim Herd and Jim Ross for him. It wasn't very polite....Goodhart announced the next show for 1/25 with Dan Kroffat & Doug Furnas vs. Steve Williams & Terry Gordy. How much do you want to bet that none of the four have even been contacted about working the show. Was told this card had mega juice as usual. He's burned it out on that already....One Man Gang was fired from WCW after refusing to do a pinfall job to P.N. News. He did stay to do a DQ job though. Abdullah will be taking his place in the Chamber of Horrors match at Havoc....Wayne Bloom spent a night

IT'S MY 2-CENTS

by Mike Terry

The great thing about writing a column is the privilege of having a release for thoughts which are heavy on your mind. This isn't meant to be especially profound or even prophetic, but it seems to be a milestone in my wrestling-related existence. I feel like a rat deserting a sinking ship (cliche of the week?). But I'm deserting WCW. I really have no hope left that the existing regime will turn it around. You may disagree. You don't know how much I hope you're right. But I don't think so. Does anyone realize the amount of damage that's really been done to this company in terms of public perception? If you can begin to realize that, you will understand exactly how much it will take to not just turn things around, but to build them back to profitability and credibility. Gang, I just don't look for that to happen. I think it's more likely that Turner will in some fashion cut WCW loose, though probably retaining the TV shows. And would it be the most outlandish prediction in the world to speculate on Joe Pedicino and the GWF on TBS? Pure conjecture. But it makes as much sense as imagining the Fat Pack (Petrick, Herd & Runnels) still in charge in a year. (As if there would be anything left to be in charge of).

Along these same lines, the announcers frequently used to throw out little mentions of Mr. Turner. Haven't heard any in a while now. Wonder if the red light came down from on high.

Dorky do department (as in hairdo): Two winners this month: Robert Gibson and Craig Johnson for his Steven Seagal look.

Quotes of the month: Bobby Heenan (as an opponent was introduced to one of the Legion of Doom's underarms): "He's making a pit stop." Scott Hudson on the Lightning Kid's stalling: "This guy's got more stalls than the Global Dome restrooms."

Here's a quote I came across from a physician who was asked about the psychiatric effects of anabolic steroids: "These effects are wide-ranging--from hallucinations to depression. In a recent study among steroid users, symptoms reported to researchers included exaggerated jealousies regarding girlfriends and deep down blues. Symptoms subsided when steroid use stopped."

The macho wedding was alright, but I was waiting for Lanny Poffo to prance out as the flower girl.....so GWF's Paul Bunyan is 7'6"???? That's a real tall tale. And what a talented fella he is! Not.

Jim Ross and Craig Johnson on the respective promotions "Main Event" TV shows badly need sidekicks on commentary. They're capable hosts, but flying solo in these days of great announcing teams really sounds lame.

Just what is the attraction of the wet look? What is it supposed to signify when Sid, Hulk, and others appear on camera dripping like they've just come out of the shower? They look like drips to me.....is it just the lighting or has Paul E.'s hair become decidedly darker? And Tony Schiavone's lighter?

Amazing! Steven Dane turns heel in the GWF and sprouts a chest full of hair!.....On the "Missy Does the Mail" segment, when will she do some mail?.....And I thought Gordon Solie was going to have a segment on all the shows!!.....Just what the heck is a firebreaker anyway?.....Old Friends, Bookends: this column predicted months back that the ole Duster would bring in Abdullah. Once Gary Hart shows up, the prediction will be completed.

Maalox Moments: Jim Ross' overkill hype of the Wrestling Hotline.

Nickname of the Month: Sean Michaels on Bobby Heenan: "Bobby the Brain Tumor."

Have you caught the Fox show "Best of the Worst?" A recent episode featured what they termed the worst practical joke. It was none other than Ted DiBiase's basketball bouncing segment when he kicked the ball away before the little kid could win the \$500. The show claimed they had been searching unsuccessfully for the little weezer because they wanted to pay him the money.

The GWF Lightning Kid-Jerry Lynn lighthweight match was very good. But was a screwjob finish really necessary?.....In my mind one of the top 5 stories this year was the summit between McMahon and some wrestling writers. I really looked forward to reading the account of the meeting. Yet the Observer devoted just a paragraph to it, and the Torch spent more time talking about Meltzer's trip to the bathroom than it did the conversation? What gives?

For what it's worth, that's my 2-cents for this month.

A PIECE OF MY MIND BY: EVAN GINZBURG

As I'm bored to death with Pay Per View reviews, generic match results, attacks on WCW (I've done a few too many of those myself so my criticisms are also self-directed), and the virtually countless pieces on steroid abuse, I'm going to use my allotted space for something completely different.

Here, dear readers, is a real live **ARENA REPORT** which seems somehow appropriate considering the sheet in which it appears! Thought I'd turn you on to a promotion you've probably never heard of, but one which you'd surely enjoy...

("Get to the point already," I hear them moaning out in kayfabe land!)

Well, while on vacation on sunny California recently, I attended a Lucha Libre style show at La Fogata, located at 16133 N. Atlantic Ave., Compton, Ca. (# 213-581-3410). Cards take place Sundays at 4:30 and Wednesday nites at 7. Tix are a **steal** at \$6 (\$3 for the kiddies) and the rare non-Mexican visitor to this dance hall/bar is immediately made to feel at home, especially as Viva La Lucha editor/wrestler Kurt Brown appears on the shows and along with Steve Gerber serve as "unofficial greeters" to kay fabers who come down (Steve Sims had been in town the previous week for a card)

As for the card itself, the main-event was tremendous, almost of Tijuana & Mexico City quality. Although the undercard had its ups and downs (including one bizarre sequence in which one wrestler made believe he was yanking out tufts of hair from his opponent's underarms!), there was good action throughout, minimal rest-holds and adults and ninos all had a blast. All matches were 2-3 falls, angles were worked to promote upcoming shows, and the ambiance made me feel as if I was in Mexico.

As this group has only been drawing 100-200 fans a show, I hope native Californians and hardcore tourists will support this hard-working, struggling group. I saw the Observer list a one line result for them and think it's unfortunate these guys aren't getting the ink they deserve. Super Astro and other lucha libre stars will appear, but only if the budget allows. Headliner Super Boy already does work in Mexico and is a tremendous talent who made a great team along with his two brothers. As Tijuana's cards are occurring with less and less frequency this promotion provides you with a great opportunity to see some good workers right here in the U.S.A..

While I have a little extra space, just wanted to say how absurd the WWF's handling of John Tolos was. Here's one of the great talkers of all time (and I mean **all-time**). They shove a whistle in his mouth, put on a stupid cap and sweater that you can pick up at K-Mart for all of \$9.99 and suddenly decide the gimmick's not working and send him packing. All they had to do was let him be "Manager John Tolos". Had he been allowed to improvise and carry on, ~~and~~ he'd have potentially been the next Albano/Blassie/Grand Wizard (Jeez, if they keep Mr. Fuji and Slick, both who have proven to be major stereotypes and embarrassments, why not give The Golden Greek a legit chance?). I'm as excited about the Flair-Piper/Flair-Hogan upcoming series as the next guy, and think McMahon's been brilliant in the Flair hyping, but this whole Tolos scenario was a shame. Legends shouldn't be treated like this...

In parting I nonetheless hope Flair & Piper have 4 star matches, and that they miraculously coax me back into those Madison Square Garden seats I used to love so much...

Catch you next month...

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

THE GLOBALDOME (Dallas, Texas) 09-20-91. GWF TELEVISION TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF OCTOBER 5 AND OCTOBER 12, 1991. GWF MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING (10-05-91): The Handsome Stranger over Ed Robinson..Chris Walker & Steve Simpson over The Dirty Davis Brothers.. John Tatum over Rick Garren..Mario Santana over The Million Dollar Baby..Gary Young over Scott Anthony..GWF MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING (10-12-91): Barry Horowitz & The Million Dollar Baby over Terry Garvin & Mario Santana..The Handsome Stranger over Ken Stryker.. The Lightning Kid over Chaz..Chris Walker & Steve Simpson over Ken Stryker & Tony George..The Maulers & John Tatum and The Renegade Warriors & Jeff Gaylord went to a No Contest..GWF MAIN EVENTS (10-05-91): Sweet Daddy Falcone over Tony Falk..Wild Bill Irwin over Ken Stryker..The Lightning Kid over Terry Daniels..The Dirty Davis Brothers over Terry Garvin & Ed Robinson..The Rattlesnake over Steven Dane..NEWS AND NOTES: For those who complained that the GWF was not running enough (or any) angles, your prayers have been answered. The ground is set on the 10-05 "Major League" show as it is revealed that Scott Anthony at one time was engaged to "Julie" (?) but she broke of the engagement to begin dating The Handsome Stranger. A confrontation between the two leads off the show and ends up with Anthony refusing to come out for his match because he is so "broken up". The Handsome Stranger is incredulous as to Anthony's reaction as he says "Julie" and Anthony were already separated before he and she began dating. Anthony's interviews now end up in crying jags over this busted relationship. on the 10-12 "Major League" show, The Handsome Stranger is doing his usual handing out of roses to the ringside ladies when one of them (Scott Anthony) in drag) wollops him with a cane and tosses him into the ring. Anthony removes his wig to reveal his true identity and really gloms Stranger. The Handsome Stranger is left laying and has to be assisted out. Hell hath no fury like Scott Anthony scorned.. Sanatana and The Million Dollar Baby are both midgets who put on two pretty darn entertaining matches. They are the Lucha Libre-type midget matches but were entertaining nonetheless..As Rod Price ("The California Stud") blew out his knee last weekend in Marietta, the story is now that Gary Young deliberately injured Price's knee so as to gain an advantage in the war between Young & Jeff Gaylord with The California Connection. Young is summarily quadrupled teamed on the 10-05 "Major League" show by an injured Price, John Tatum, and The Maulers. Young's knee is injured severely, thereby evening things up for the main event on the 10-12 "Major League" show..Jeff Raitz debuted as The Rattlesnake. His gimmick is rattlesnake-skin gloves and boots along with a hat with a preserved rattlesnake rapped around it. He looks about the same, but his interviews need work..(ATT): 975. Up from previous weekends.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES: If you were expecting results/news from the 09-16 Center Stage yawmfest in Atlanta, it ain't here. First, half of the tapings aired this past weekend on WTBS, and second, the whole was boring and unintersting according to my sources. (I did not go, thank God). Apparently, in an effort to keep people from leaving early and having the television look bad, the inducement was made that all fans remaining through the end of the show would receive a "WCW Prize Package". Well, the 40 or so who stayed for this received a "Four Horsemen" T-Shirt and a Sting "Scorpion Racer". Lord knows I would stayed for that..GWF is to return to the Cobb County Civic Center on Sunday October 20, 1991. The card has not yet been announced but it will be probably everything and everyone you expect..The GWF 900 number begins on 09-23 and, as it was told to me, is a hell of a lot more inventive that the other wrestling lines..Sorry about the margins on this column as I am using a totally different typewriter than I am used to.. Things will be back to normal in two weeks..Later on...

THE LAST WORD...

Put ya hands together and
get ready to go,
Dusty's in charge
and he's running this show!
From Johnny B. Bado
to the Diamond Stud,
The Dream is a Nightmare!
The promotion's a dup!
Yo Baby Yo Baby Yo!



Title credit goes to Torch's Wade Keller, who always says you can trust your doctor. 9/6 at Phoenix was typical of our departed friend, WCW's luck. All the workers showed, but proper ring ropes didn't-the show had to be CANCELLED! A WCW employee says they may never return to Phoenix. And despite my guesting on LIVE-105(FM radio modern music, K-HITS) for one hour biting my tongue, talking about how "much harder WCW wrestlers work"-the house was worse than last month at the larger Oakland Coliseum 9/7at Oakland's Kaiser Center. More than 500 people showed, but I thought the show was world's better- the workers really seemed to work harder, as if to say, "c'mon people- spread the word- we can put on a great show!" To try to help the sinking ship, for this and last month's show, I'd appeared on several rock and mexican stations in No. and So. California- doing ticket giveaway contests and talking about the wrestlers. Another WCW employee tells me by their agreement with tv up here, they must appear a minimum 6 times yearly-which seems suicidal. Anyway, Mike Graham-JB Madeup w/Teddy lost to Big Josh - PN News **. When Capetta(who also worked hard w/ a better pa system than an Oakland) tried to hand PN the mike after his intro to do the rap, Neu waved him off seemingly saying he didn't feel like rappin' in front of only a handful. Deja Vu-just like last mo. here in the 2nd match, Zink-Taylor turned into Zink-Eaton beating Taylor-Morton in a *** great match. Taylor and Morton kept teasing a breakup, and even slugged one another a bit. At the end, each kept gesturing the other to leave first, since neither "trusted each other." Super acting & action. In a stinker, Dustin pinned Studd- dud. When accused of pulling hair, Dustin kept using the S and F words at the ref so loud the kids way in the back giggled. Keep that wholesome family language going and even the kids won't be allowed to go. Where last mo. they only held one match as advertised, on the program- only a few matches listed, so no one could complain with what occurred. Sting did some funny bits in beating Oz-double dud, and in the best match of the night, Rick Steiner won by dq over Austin-***. Jeannie (honest, Wade) had wisdom tooth 32 bugging her, so I wrote her a script for Penicillin VK(500 mg). She cleared up some confusion, saying she moved here from England, married to Chris back in 79. They stay married, did the circuits for a few years, and split when they moved to Dallas. Then for legal reasons, she needed a green card- and married(no love, just for the green card) BJ Haynes. When she was able to get her card, they simply divorced. She is really pretty in person, with a very soft English accent. It would be love at first sight for Gunter or even batch-party-less Jeff Bowdrin. Steiner does all his tag moves, pretending Scott is there- and still manages to get them over. Anyone who says he was lazy tonight, deserves a root canal. He carried Steve to new heights. Windham- Simmons beat Luger-Hughes-*1/2 and Gigante in a cage(why bother?) beat OMG- dud- double dud for all of Gang's green colored spit. Robin wants everyone to know her daddy, Grizzly, is only crabby when on the WCW road-otherwise he's cool. My tv show- Pro Wrestling Magazine, kicks off locally here on October 15. For at least Oakland-SF-No. Calif. I'll try to reeducate my audience. I'll show Japan matches in full, old matches with commentary from participants like Thesz, Rodgers, Bruno; and have guests on answering questions. We'll see if Vince keeps his word when I request Piper and Debiase. Vince basically said when I asked, if the guy in character is sharp enough to handle callers, he'll be allowed on- since I don't just want Jimmy Hart each time Titan rolls in. At John Arezzi's great convention- Buddy Rodgers never tired of smiling, making people feel great, and telling the story of how he kicked hell out of the punk at the hoagy store. Corny was not only hilarious ripping Herd at the Q & A, but in trying as hard as he could to auction off Nancy Fallen Woman's two bustiers. For awhile, we never thought Flair's old blue robe would get a taker(bids began at \$1000) but it finally went for \$3000- the guy who lost out said he had no intention of shelling out the loot-just getting the bids going. LPWA dead? Tor Berg slimed into Japan begging JWP to help out-we may never see what genius booking Corny can do unless Tor gets some loot to produce the oft-cancelled tapings. Malenko to be unbleached when she returns to JWP in October- where she & Madusa will stay thru December, then return to their respective groups from Jan till March. Anyone who loves to talk about the old Lebell circuit- Blassie, Tolos, Destroyer; I'd appreciate contacting me about appearing either in person or via phone on my tv show. Reggie Bennett, shaking her boobs and yelling at the camera for the Japan sports drink is tacky and hilarious- she barely covers herself in a semi-nude Japan People-type mag, and also is on the cover of Japan's biker mag- Madusa will get to do some top flight ads too this winter. Many WCW workers excited about Japan in January, and a few hoped Herd would be gone by then if we can get the cancer out of the beast. Hunchbacks, Long John Silver, Ding Dongs, Desperados, Robocop, Patriots, mazes, midget one man gangs, Oz-don't blame booker Runnels- he's told to incorporate this crap into his far more normal programs. I think Crybaby John Seaton on CWN might be tasteless, but he voices a frustration that I know many feel when he lambasts all the morons in this business in his kamikaze style. This Doctor was looking forward to Bowdrin's Booking Batch Bonanza- too bad Missy said no. And as always gang, please only cash as you pay the receptionist with the 10 foot tall beehive on your way outta da office.

CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

American Turner Hall (Mid-Eastern)
Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

Essex, MD

September 6, 1991

1) Watsumi the Rising Sun pinned Niki Ferentino with a moonsault. C 2) Enforcer #1 beat Cowboy Glen Anderson with a big splash. Double Dud. 3) Mark Aries over Rick Savage with an elbow from the top rope. F 4) Adrian Hall used his feet on the ropes to beat Sledgehammer McGill. C 5) Kurt Dred and Bounty Hunter Max Thrasher went to a double DQ. D 6) Rasta the Voodoo Mon and Morgus the Maniac went to a double count out. C 7) Lucifer Night of the Road pinned Rambling Rich. D 8) Bubba Monree (son of Sputnik) over Hollywood Bob Star. D 9) Hard Rock Ricky Blues won a six man elimination bout. 10) Lords of Darkness beat Bubba Monroe & Johnny Lawler via DQ. C 11) Golden Phoenix small packaged Axl Rotten. D+ 12) Bubba Monroe won a bunkhouse battle royal. ATT: 16;

Springfield Civic Center (WWF)
Correspondent: Dan Reilly

Springfield, MA

September 7, 1991

1) Ricky Steamboat pinned I.R.S. in 12:15 in what was a disputed double pin. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 2) Hacksaw Duggan and Berzerker went to a double count out at 8:21. One of the worst matches Dan has seen. -***** 3) Warlord pinned Virgil in 9:40 when DiBiase distracted Virgil. I guess it was a non-title match. * 4) The Beverly Brothers beat the Bushwhackers in 16:20. Not good. $\frac{3}{4}$ * 5) Skinner (Steve Keirn) over Mario Mancini (sub for Kerry). No one cared. Dud 6) Bret Hart defeated Ted DiBiase in 11:45. Both worked hard and it was a very good bout. Virgil came out to return the favor and distract Ted and Bret rolled him up. *** $\frac{3}{4}$ 7) Legion of Doom & Sid Justice beat Nasty Boys & Undertaker in a great main event. Fans were going nuts for Sid. Justice pinned Knobs after a powerbomb while everyone else was brawling outside the ring. ***** $\frac{1}{2}$ ATT: 2,20

Kansas State Fair (NWF)
Correspondent: Gary Waugh

Hutchinson, KS

September 9, 1991

1) Deborah T. Wild beat Brandy Wine. 2) Col. DeBeers over The Patriot (not GWF's) 3) Lord Littlebrook pinned Little Tokyo. 4) Cousin Luke over Masked Executioner. 5) Wendy Richter retained her NWF ladies title beating Candi Devine. 6) Jules Strongbow over Russian Assassin (Roger Kirby.).

LETTERS TO "AR"

Clash

Regarding "Fall Brawl '91", I have some questions...Doesn't Oz look like a taller version of Sting from a distance? Do you think some people actually think that "Beautiful" is Bobby's given first name? Just where is the "Diamond Mine" that the Diamond Studd is from? Don't you think Z-Man should be turned heel? Wasn't it an absolute waste to have a battle royal with no angles whatsoever? Don't you just hate the Nestle Crunch Chi Chi Rodriguez commercial? Why do they keep showing Ric Flair on those Galoob toy commercials? Does Mr. Hughes go to bed wearing those same clothes? And finally, was El Gigante auditioning for a part in a porn movie during that new commercial for WCW magazine ("It's really BIG!")? Didn't Lady Bossom, err, Blossom look hot as always?

J.Z. Travis
Woodstock, ONT

Did anyone catch the subliminal (Yea right, about as subtle as a turd in a punch bowl) recruitment ploy from WCW to WWF wrestlers on the most recent

Clash..."Fall Crawl"? It was during the commercial for the new WCW magazine. I don't remember it verbatim but it had special computerized effects of the magazine expanding and the voiceover said something about "We're bulked up", and "Blown up". The first one could be aimed at any WWF stiff but "Blown Up" was the ultimate.

George Maranville
Lexington, KY

Harry Speaks

I don't know why you would be shy about giving your autograph to kids at shows and I don't know why you mentioned that later the kids would not recognize the name. If that is the case, I suggest you put under your name your title of professional announcer which technically puts you in the same category as Don Pardo or Ed McMahon. You should also add writer, investigative reporter, editor, publisher, entrepreneur, fan club award winner, and any other wrestling related names you have. Signing autographs for kids and older people is safe but be extremely cautious about signing lingerie or bodypainting your name on the numerous ring rats which I am sure will be following you around after the matches.

Harry White
St. Louis, MO

RL- Yeah, where are they? That's the one thing Chris Qualmann & myself think is missing from the IWF. Some quality rats. Not that I'm interested mind you. Have to keep that white coated image right Zinger?

WWF

We're all looking forward to the Titan TV tapings on September 30 in Wheeling, WV. Of course, they keep changing the line-up since Warrior got canned. Main event now is Sid/Roberts, with the Undertaker fighting Hacksaw Jim Duggan. Also, Ric Flair vs. Roddy Piper. Hopefully, they'll give them some time to run a decent match. I just hope Piper doesn't balk at doing the job.

I have to say, I'm probably the only reader of your sheet who feels bad that the Warrior was fired from Titan. I was actually looking forward to him facing Roberts. Sure, his workrate was nothing to write home about, and his interviews were still the pits, but hell, he did have two 4½ star matches in one week back in March (March 24 at Wrestlemania, and March 16 at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena in a cage vs. Slaughter- no shit). They went 24 minutes in the middle of the card, Sherri worked her ass off outside, the crowd heat was the wildest I've seen or heard at the Arena, and it was about as violent as the WWF matches ever get. If there had been juice, it might have been five stars.) Anyhow, it will be interesting to see where Hellwig goes. Of course it would be neat to see him put in a match with the Steiners or Luger, just to tease a shoot. Actually, if I had my choice, I'd like to see him fight Bull Nakano. It would be his ass then.

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Flair

Isn't it ironic with Ric Flair in the WWF, Vince could now recreate the NWA of the late 70's, early 80's, the era of vintage wrestling. Vince has got the chance to turn wrestling around. With all the stink of steroids surrounding him, he can now downplay it and concentrate on technicians and not muscle. Flair vs. the following; Piper, Steamboat, DiBiase (after a turn because I.R.S. finds a big mistake on his tax form which leaves DiBiase penny-less.), Bret Hart, either Rocker, Randy Savage, and Curt Hennig in a battle of egos-both claiming to be perfect. I think this is why many of us are now looking at the WWF but let's keep in mind that Vince is Vince.

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RL- Hold on. I received a letter a few days ago from Ernie Santilli talking about what you just said. Ernie mentioned that the way the WWF strings out their feuds, Flair would be about 46 years old by the time he completed them all. All the ones you included, maybe 50. Although I would love to see the WWF go away from the muscle, I just don't see it ever happening. Do you see a change in some of these bozos yet? i.e. Hercules or Warlord?

WWF & WCW

I agree with your view that hardcores seem to be praising the WWF more these days even though the product it presents hasn't noticeably improved. This phenomenon I feel, can be attributed to two factors: Vinnie's acquisition of Flair, and the rather remarkable degeneration of WCW over the last year and a half. Sheet readers need something to keep them interested and Titan's product at this juncture is far more interesting than what is emerging from the TBS offices. Until that product is of the caliber of Turners' at its best (Wrestle war '89 and Bash '89) let's hold the plaudits. And I agree wholeheartedly with your view regarding Summer Slam's Virgil-DiBiase angle. I thought you were a bit easy on the latest Clash, however. Sure, WCW's talent pool has been depleted but that's still no excuse for squashing Terry Taylor and using Eaton and Windham in the battle royal only. The "chauffer" line sounded like something from Mid-South's Flair/Slater/Reed angles in '85.

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in jail in Milwaukee on a disorderly conduct charge after he supposedly ripped a pair of panties off a woman in a bar. Heard Mike Enos was involved as well but Bloom is the one who was caught.....Tom Zenk was arrested on a misdemeanor battery charge and later on possession of marijuana and steroids when officers searched his hotel room. The hearing is skedded for Monday (9/23). Heard that WCW is keeping their hands clean of this and they won't suspend Zenk. This steroid deal is going to be the death of some promotion down the line..... Steve Austin blew out his knee in Charleston, SC a couple of weeks ago but is already back in action.....Lou Perez is the new IWF TV champion after Cliff Anderson (Sheets) was involved in an accident. Not sure how the promotion will explain the title change.....IWF is off Sunshine Network until 11/30 at the time slot of 10:30 a.m. There was a dispute with Sunshine as their supposed 11:00 p.m. Friday slot was only met twice in the 11 weeks it aired. Most of the time it was past midnight.....IWF with TV in Orlando on WKCF TV68, and will start up in Jacksonville and West Palm Beach next week. Birmingham, AL skedded for start up next month.....Lo and behold, what did we have on WCW this weekend but localized interviews. Barry Windham talking about his return to Lakeland, Florida. I couldn't believe it. This is one of the first things that the new "steering committee" has decided on and it was Jim Crockett's idea. My 11 month old son told me they should be doing this when he was still in mommy's womb.....Can someone please tell me when ESPN runs new Global tapes. My VCR is getting a work out for nothing.....A new group is starting out in New York called the AWF (American Wrestling Federation). Sunny Beach is the booker and talent listed was: Rick Rude, Nikita Koloff, Dutch Mantell, Jules Strongbow, Jeff Gaylord, Boris Zhukov, The Rising Suns (?), Equalizers, and Leviathan. Not sure who that last guy is but I like the name. They are working with Stillman's Gym in New York and will run tapings at the Penta Hotel where the UWF ran. First date is 11/29. More info as it comes in.....Hey Wade, did you hear Craig Johnson say Rasta the Voodoo Mon was your favorite wrestler on ESPN.....Class act of Jim Ross to mention the Von Erich death on Main Event last week. Ass act on Vince's part since the kids brother even works for the promotion and no mention was made.....Jim Cornette was met with a surprise birthday party at his house last Saturday. Some of the guests included: Bobby Eaton, Cactus Jack, Dr. Mark Curtis, Tommy Young, Tim Horner, Dave Meltzer, and Mike Gunter. What a present Gunter gave Corny.....Early congrats go out to Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bowdren on their wedding 9/28. Hope I didn't jinx them by saying that. Think I'll mow the lawn that day.....WCW and WWF go head to head in Maryland on 10/17. WCW in B-More and WWF in Landover with Piper-Flair. I believe Philly is head to head the next day as well.....Good job goes out to Dan Reilly and Tom Burke for their "Wrestling Radio" show on WNNZ in Springfield. I got a chance to listen to a few shows and they were some of the best wrestling shows I've heard.....Loved seeing Flair on Prime Time (although I thought his interview on this weeks "Funeral Parlor" was more Flair even though the picture of him standing next to Pringle with that goofy face just didn't fit. Like what is wrong with this picture?) with his old music. When I told an associate that I was psyched to see him on, he replied, "Oh, so you finally saw the light." Wrong. I was always excited about Flair coming to Titan. I just didn't let it blur my vision to the rest of the crap they give us.....Look for a full length interview done on yours truly by "Rod's Reflector". They ask me everything under the sun except for the size of my.....feet.....Will close with a classic quote from the stall master Larry Zbyszko: "To err is human, to forgive is.....stupid."

9 See ya, Ron